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FOR : PURIFICATION EQUIPMENT FOR WASTEWATER COMING
FROM FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROCESSING PLANTS
AND PHYTOSANITARY TREATMENTS IN THE FIELD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Sir:

Prior to calculating the fees pursuant to the entry into the National Phase of the above-identified Application, please amend the Claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 2-6 attached, which correspond to the claims as amended during the pendency of the International Application.

2. (Amended) A purification system according to claim 1, characterized in that the tank-filter (1) is a settling tank with at least two outlets for the clarified water, to which flocculent can be added, the sludge being extracted by gravity through the lower part thereof and sent to a filtering bag (5) where it is retained, while the clarified water is sent to an intermediate tank (7), being joined to this the water which passes through said filtering bag (5) and is received in a collection tank (6).